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California Wild Flower Seeds

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CARMEL, CALIFORNIA
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List No. 4
Supersedes all previous lists

Price of packets twenty-five cents unless otherwise indicated.

Postage prepaid in United States and Canada. Orders from foreign countries should include one cent per packet for postage.

We give or imply no guarantee as to description, purity or productiveness of our seeds, and hold ourselves in no way responsible for customers results.

Our seeds are carefully selected from native stands, but these stands are exposed to climatic and other conditions over which we have no control. The list is subject to change.

We suggest that our customers, particularly those ordering from a distance, send with their orders a supplementary list of second choices in case we are out of items on the first order.

In our present form of list we cannot give adequate descriptions of flowers and of conditions of growth for each type of plant. We are glad, however, to answer correspondence regarding the cultivation and hardiness both of our listed seeds and of other native California plants.

As we generally have on hand various seeds in quantities too small for listing, we will be glad to have requests for seeds other than appear in our catalog. These unlisted seeds are often used in the mixtures.

We will not dig native bulbs for sale.

Unless otherwise indicated, seeds are perennials.

Annuals are all recommended for the eastern United States, Canada and northern Europe. Generally speaking all listed seeds are hardy in the southern states and southern Europe. A few perennials (for instance, many of the bulbs, if mulched) are hardy in the northern latitudes, but the varieties are so limited that we prefer to feature annuals.

Unless otherwise indicated, these seeds succeed best if given summer drought conditions after they are once established.

Please note the many varieties on our list which are adapted for seaside planting.

We will be very glad to hear from experimental planters who will report to us on the hardiness of our varieties in the East.

W. L. Jepson, "Manual of the Flowering Plants of California" is our authority for the botanical names on our list. The May, 1927 National Geographic Magazine, also gives descriptions and colored illustrations of many of our varieties.

- Abronia latifolia**, Yellow Sand Verbena — Trailing, fragrant, coastal
" *umbellata*, Pink Sand Verbena — " " "
Agoseris grandiflora — Annual, 18 in. large yellow dandelion-type flower
Allium hyalinum — Bulb, 6 in. cluster of small white pink-veined flowers
" *peninsulare crispum* — Bulb, 10 in. umbel of reddish-pink flowers
Amsinckia vernicosa, Fiddleneck — 2 ft. annual, curving spike of small orange flowers
Anaphalis margaritacea, Pearly Everlasting — 18 in. yellow, gray foliage
Antirrhinum glandulosum — 2 ft. leafy stalk, pink and yellow bloom
" *strictum* — Annual, 1-3 ft. slender twining stem, violet-purple bloom
Aquilegia truncata, Wild Columbine —
Arbutus menziesii, Madrone — Tree, red bark, evergreen magnolia-like foliage
clusters of white waxy urn-shaped flowers, red berries
Arctostaphylos, Manzanita, in variety — Evergreen shrubs, whitish-pink bloom
Argemone platyceras hispida, Prickly poppy — Annual, 2-3 ft. large white flowers
Armeria vulgaris (*Statice artica californica* Jeps.) Thrift — 12 in. small dense heads, pink, coastal
Asclepias mexicana, Narrow-leaf Milkweed — 2-4 ft. gray-purple flowers

Baccharis pilularis — Evergreen shrub, good for coastal planting
Baeria gracilis — Annual, 2-12 in. bright yellow composite, slender stem
" *macrantha* — Perennial, 8 in. good for coastal planting
" *uliginosa* — Annual, prostrate, damp places
Bloomeria crocea, Golden Stars — Bulb, 9 in. loose umbel of many yellow, brown-veined flowers
Brodiaea capitata, California Hyacinth — Bulb, 1-2 ft. close umbel of blue fl.
" *ixioides*, Golden Brodiaea — Bulb, 2 ft. similar to **Bloomeria crocea**
" *Iaxa*, Ithuriel's Spear — Bulb, 1-2 ft. loose umbel of large blue fl.
" *coronaria*, Harvest Brodiaea — Bulb, 12 in. like above but later blooming
" *terrestris* — Bulb, 3-6 in. lavender flower
(All Brodiaeas last well as cut flowers.)
Briza maxima, Quaking grass — 10-18 in. large nodding panicle of florets
" *minor* " — 4-10 in. panicle and florets smaller

Calochortus albus, Fairy Lanterns — Bulb, 18 in. large white nodding flower
" *luteus*, Golden Mariposa — Bulb, 12 in. large cup-shaped yellow flower
" *uniflorus* — Bulb, 6 in. large pale lavender flower
Carpenteria californica — Evergreen shrub, 8 ft. clusters of large white flowers with numerous yellow stamens, desirable
Camassia leichtlinii, Blue Camass — Bulb, 12 in. open raceme of indigo flowers
Castilleja latifolia, Seaside Painted Cup — 12 in. flower bracts in spike yellow to bright red, good for coastal planting
" *parviflora*, Indian Paint Brush — 18 in. similar to above, deep scarlet toothed flower bracts

- Ceanothus**, California Lilac, in variety — Evergreen shrub, 5-10 ft. racemes of dense bloom in shades of Delft blue
" dwarf—Evergreen shrub, 1-4 ft. horizontal growth, bloom in tufts
- Cerastium arvense maximum** — Best treated as annual, 12 in. gray foliage, white flowers
- Cercidium torreyanum**, Palo Verde — Tree, 15-20 ft. smooth green bark, suggesting leafless weeping willow, covered in bloom with yellow butterfly-like flowers, desert conditions.
- Chaenactis glabriuscula** — Best treated as annual, 18 in. yellow composite with protruding stamens
- Chlorogalum pomeridianum**, Amole — Bulb, 2-5 ft. spreading panicle of small white purple-veined flowers
- Chilopsis linearis** — Shrub, 20 ft. white flower with lilac and yellow, fragrant, desert conditions
- Chorizanthe staticoides**, Turkish Rugging — Annual, 6 in. flat-topped raceme of brittle raspberry-red flowers
- Cirsium occidentale coulteri**, Cobweb Thistle — 2-3 ft. silver-grey foliage, flower buds densely white-webbed, rose-purple bloom
" " **venustum**, — 3-4 ft. foliage slightly less gray than above, amaranth-red bloom
- Clarkia elegans** — Annual, 12 in. slender growth, deep pink ragged flowers
- Clintonia Andrewsiana**, Red Clintonia — 18 in. rose-pink, deep shade
- Collinsia bicolor** — Annual, 15 in. white with pink or lavender
- Convolvulus luteolus**, Morning Glory — Strong climber under all conditions, white striped outside with purple
" **soldanella**, Shore Morning Glory — Prostrate, thick leathery leaf, large showy open pink flower, beach conditions
- Coreopsis maritima**, Sea Dahlia — 2½ ft. attractive divided foliage, yellow composite flower 3-4 in. across, desirable for coast planting
- Coreothrogyne californica**, Woolly Aster — 12 in. spreading, gray downy foliage, lavender flower, coastal conditions
- Cotula coronopifolia**, Brass Buttons — Annual, 6 in. rayless yellow composite, damp places
- Cotyledon farinosa** — 15 ft. fleshy red-tipped foliage covered with white bloom, cream to pale lemon flower, rocky coast
" **caespitosa** — 20 in. fleshy green red-tipped foliage, red flower stalks, yellow flower, rocky coast
" **laxa** — 15 in. fleshy foliage, narrow elongated leaf, red flower stalks, yellow flower
- Cupressus macrocarpa**, Monterey Cypress — Evergreen tree, 50 ft. useful for coast windbreak
- Delphinium cardinalis**, Scarlet Larkspur — 5 ft. scarlet flower, strong sun
" **nudicaule**, " " — 2 ft, red flowers
" **variegatum**, Royal Larkspur — 2-3 ft. open raceme of royal purple flowers
- Dendromecon rigida**, Tree Poppy — 6 ft. willow-like foliage, yellow flowers 2 in. across, long blooming season

- Dicentra chrysanthia**, Golden Eardrops — 5 ft. deeply cut glaucous foliage,
panicle of yellow flowers
- Diplacus aurantiacus**, Bush Monkey Flower — 4 ft. viscid, buff-yellow
- Dodecatheon clevelandii**, Shooting Star — 6-8 in. deep lavender to white
" " " " — " brilliant rose-purple
- Downingia pulchella**—Dwarf annual, 2-6 in. lobelia family, lavender blue
with yellow, damp and sun
- Emmenanthe penduliflora**, Whispering Bells— 20 in. annual, flowers cream,
persistent, difficult to germinate
- Ericameria ericoides**, Mock Heather — Evergreen shrub, 3 ft. yellow composite
flower, coastal
- Erigeron glaucus**, Beach Aster — 8 in. large composite flower, lilac rays,
large yellow center, coastal
- Eriogonum**, Buckwheat, pink in variety — Evergreen shrub, 2 ft. rose to sal-
mon pink in dense heads
" " white in variety — Evergreen shrub, 1 1/2 ft. gray white
foliage, flowers white, adapted to
coast planting
- Eriophyllum confertiflorum**, "Golden Yarrow" — 2 ft. gray foliage
- Erysimum asperum**, Western Wallflower—Biennial, 2 ft. yellow, orange
" capitatum, Coast Wallflower—12 in. cream or yellow, coastal sands
- Erythronium californicum**, Adder's Tongue — Bulb, 8 in. mottled leaf, cream
to yellow flower
- Erythraea venusta** (*Centaurium venusta* Jeps.) Pink Gentian—Annual, 6 in.
Eschscholtzia californica, California Poppy
- Fremontia Californica**,—Evergreen shrub, 8 ft. large yellow flower, desirable
- Garrya elliptica**, Silk Tassel Bush — Evergreen, 8 ft. leathery foliage
- Gaultheria shallon**, Salal — Spreading evergreen shrub, 2 ft. broad leathery
leaves, white urnshaped flower
- Gilia capitata** — Annual, 18 in. lavender blue, slender growth, small dense head
- Gilia dianthoides** (*Linanthus dianthiflorus* Jeps.) Fringed Pink—Annual, 6 in.
- Gilia dichotomus** (*Linanthus dichotomus* Jeps.) Evening Snow—Annual, 8 in.
white, fragrant, desirable, sun
" tricolor, Bird's Eye — Annual, 9 in. lilac with purple and yellow center
- Gilia**, in variety
- Godetia bottae** — Annual, 2 ft. lilac, white center
" amoena — " 2 ft. pink, red center
" goddardii — Annual, slender growth, deep red, 18 in.
" parviflora — Annual, 6-12 in. branching, brilliant rose-red
" in variety
- Grindelia robusta**, Gum Plant — 2 ft. coarse foliage, large yellow composite
buds white and gummy,coastal
- Heuchera micrantha**, Alumroot — 18 in. panicle of small downy pink-white
flowers, good foliage
- Iris Douglasiana**, Mountain Iris — 18 in. purple

- Larrea tridentata**, Creosote Bush — Evergreen, 4 ft. viscid, small yellow fl.
desert conditions
- Lathyrus littoralis**, Beach Pea — Spreading, lupin-like, silvery foliage, lavender
and white flower, sand dunes
- " **splendens** — Perennial climbing pea, showy crimson flower
- Lavatera assurgentiflora**, Tree Mallow — 6-10 ft. large strawberry-red flower
- Layia platyglossa**, Tidytips—Annual, 12 in. yellow composite, white tipped rays
- " **glandulosa**, White Daisy — Annual, 15 in. glistening white composite
- Leptosyne** see **Coreopsis**
- Limnanthes**, in variety — Annual, white or yellow, damp places
- Linaria canadensis** — Annual, 6-15 in. slender, blue flowers
- Linanthus grandiflorus** — Annual, 3-16 in. white, pink or lavender, phlox-type
- Lithophragma affinis**, Woodland Star—15 in. slender bronze-red stem and
calyces, white flower
- Lonicera hispidula californica**, California Honeysuckle — Climbing shrub, small
cream-yellow flower,
scarlet berries
- Lupinus densiflorus lacteus** — Annual, 18 in. white flowers in dense whorls
- " " **palustris** — " " " deep lavender flowers in dense
whorls
- Lupinus densiflorus**, in variety
- " **nanus** — 6-24 in. Annual, bright blue and white strikingly contrasted
- Lupinus** — Annual, 2 ft. bright purple
- Lupinus** — Annual, 2 ft. dark blue, good foliage, early
- Lupinus hirsutissimus**—Annual, 18 in. hairy foliage, American Beauty red
- Lupinus arboreus** — Bush, bright yellow, fragrant, coastal
- " " — Bush, light yellow, fragrant, banner fading to purple-
brown, coastal
- " " — Bush, 6 ft. pink-lavender
- " " — Bush, 5 ft. bi-color, shades of lavender
- Lupinus albifrons** — Bush, 4 ft. silvery foliage, lavender blue
- Loeos formosissimus** (*Hosackia gracilis*) — Prostrate, luminous flowers com-
bining yellow, rose and white
- Madia elegans**, Tarweed—Annual, 1-2 ft. viscid, heavy-scented foliage
- Mentzelia lindleyi**, Blazing Star—Biennial, 2 ft. brilliant golden yellow
flowers with numerous stamens
- " **affinis**, — Annual, more slender growth than above
- Mesembryanthemum acquilaterale**, Sea-Fig — Prostrate matted growth, three-
sided fleshy leaf, rose-purple
flower, coastal
- " **crystallinum**, Ice Plant—Annual, prostrate, red to silvery foliage,
white flower, coastal
- Mimulus cardinalis**, Scarlet Monkey Flower — Annual, 2 ft. damp places
- " **guttatus**, Yellow Monkey Flower — Annual, 18 in. golden-yellow,
damp places
- Monardella villosa** — 12-18 in. fragrant foliage, lavender flower
- Monolopia major** — Annual, 18 in. golden-yellow composite
- Myrica californica**, Wax Myrtle—Tree, 8-30 ft. dark glossy evergreen leaf

- Nemophila menziesii*, "Baby Blue Eyes" — Annual, 6 in. varying shades of blue
" *aurita*, Trailing Nemophila — Stems 3 ft. annual, deep violet, good for ground cover under trees
- Nemophila* in variety
- Nicotiana glauca*, Tree Tobacco — Evergreen shrub, 10 ft. slender, yellow tubular flower
- Oenothera trichocalyx*, White Evening Primrose — Biennial, 18 in. large white flower
- Oenothera dentata* — Decumbent, gray foliage, large yellow flower, coastal
" *alyssoides decorticans* — Annual, 12 in. spike of white flowers fading to pink
- Orthocarpus faucibarbus* — Annual, 10 in. white fading to pale pink, damp places
" *purpurascens*, Owl's Clover — Annual, 8 in. rose-purple with cream
" in variety
- Oxalis oregana*, Redwood Sorrel — 5 in. white or pink flower, deep shade
- Papaver californicum*, Western Poppy — Annual, 18 in. slender growth, salmon-red
" *heterophyllum*, Wind Poppy — Annual, 18 in. slender growth, brick-red with black center
- Penstemon cordifolius* — Evergreen, straggling, 6 ft. showy panicle of scarlet flowers resembling honeysuckle
- Phacelia grandiflora*, Large Flowered Phacelia — Annual, 2 ft. lavender in various shades
" *minor campanularia* — Annual, 12 in. gentian blue
" *douglasii* — Annual, 6 in. lavender, plant resembles *Nemophila menziesii*
- Photinia arbutifolia*, Toyon, California Holly — Evergreen shrub, 8 ft. panicle of white flowers, red berries
- Pinus radiata*, Monterey Pine — Tree, 75 ft.
- Platystemon californicus*, Cream Cups — Annual, 8 in. small cream poppy, desirable
- Potentilla anserina*, Silverweed — 12 in. yellow flowers 1 in. across, good foliage, white-silky beneath, damp places
- Rhamnus californica* — Evergreen shrub, 6 ft. berries red turning to black
- Ribes sanguineum glutinosum*, Flowering Currant — Shrub, 5 ft. racemes of rose-pink flowers, fragrant foliage
" *speciosum*, Fuchsia flowered Gooseberry — Evergreen shrub, 8 ft. cardinal red flowers pendent from prickly branches
- Romneya coulteri*, Matilija Poppy — Evergreen shrub, 8 ft. gray foliage, white flowers 5 in. across, desirable, sometimes difficult to germinate
- Rosa gymnocarpa*, Redwood Rose — 2 ft. slender growth, intense rose-pink flowers 1 in. across, deep shade

- Salvia carduacea**, Thistle Sage — Annual, 2 ft. lavender flowers in woolly whorls, plant strongly lemon-verbena scented
- " **columbariae**, Chia—Annual, 1 ft. intense blue flowers in whorls
- " **spathacea**, Hummingbird Sage — Annual, 2 ft. whorls of crimson flowers, viscid
- Sedum**, unidentified—Matted growth, small rosettes of gray leaves, flower stems 4 in.
- Senecio douglasii**, Creek Senecio — 2-6 ft. branching racemes of yellow composite flowers
- Sidalcea malvaeflora**, Mallow — 12 in. rose-pink, coastal
- Sisyrinchium bellum**, Blue-eyed Grass—9 in. blue with yellow center, iris family
- " **californicum**, Goldeneyed Grass — 12 in. bright yellow, iris family, damp places
- Solanum umbelliferum**, Violet Nightshade — 2 ft.
- Sphacele calycina**, Pitcher Sage — 4 ft. pink-white flowers in leafy raceme
- Symporicarpos albus**, Snowberry — Shrub, 4 ft. pink inconspicuous flowers large white berry
- Thysanocarpus**, Lacey pod, in variety — Annuals, inconspicuous flower, seedpod diskform with fluted or perforated margin
- Trichostema lanatum**, Romero — Shrub, 4 ft. blue flowers with protruding stamens in spikes covered with dense violet wool
- Trillium ovatum**, White Trillium — 10 in. white fading to rose, deep shade
- Vicia gigantea**, Giant Vetch — Strong climber, good foliage, densely flowered onesided raceme of rich red flowers
- " **americana**, American Vetch—2-3 ft. long, flowers in purple-blue
- " **semicincta**—3-4 ft. long, bright blue-purple flowers in short dense one-sided raceme
- Viola sarmentosa**, Wood Violet — Prostrate, light yellow, rounded petals, deep shade
- " **pedunculata**, Yellow Pansy — 8 in. golden yellow, outside of upper petals dark brown
- Wyethia angustifolia** — 18 in. sunflower-like yellow blooms in clump of large lanceolate leaves
- Zauschneria Californica**, California Fuchsia — 18 in. scarlet flower
- Zygadenus fremontii**, Star Zygadene — Bulb, 2 ft. large showy raceme of white flowers, early spring
- " " **minor** — Bulb, 6 in. open raceme, coastal, very early

MIXTURES

Low annuals for sunny dry bare places in borders
Tall annuals for sunny dry bare places in borders
Annuals for shady places
Low annuals for damp sunny places
Tall annuals for damp sunny places
Decorative grasses, attractive in the border and useful for cutting
Vetch and pea mixture to be used for dry sunny banks
Mixture for sand dunes

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